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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1957.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st December, 1956 -

Males - 353,082 Females - 331,753 Persons - 684,835

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	366	480	919	965
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.96	9.01	8.30	8.76
Births - Number	1,371	1,444	2,887	2,784
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	26.07	27.11	26.07	25.28
Deaths - Number	376	534	791	938
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.15	10.03	7.14	8.52
Infant - Number	23	39	52	68
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	16.78	27.01	18.01	24.43
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	-	3	2	5
Malignant neoplasms	73	63	149	150
Diabetes mellitus	5	14	12	18
Diseases of blood, etc.	3	1	3	1
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	40	80	95	125
Diseases of the heart	98	145	220	250
Hypertension with heart disease	7	14	22	26
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	7	7	11
Arteriosclerosis	8	15	18	25
Influenza	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	14	23	23	34
Bronchitis	4	4	6	6
Other respiratory disease	8	1	11	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	8	4
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	2	5	4
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	1	1
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	3	2	5
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	6	11	13
Disease of the prostate	2	9	5	10
Maternal causes	1	1	2	2
Disease of early infancy	18	22	33	34
Motor vehicle accidents	11	22	23	38
Other accidents	15	31	32	44
Suicide	8	10	12	22
All other causes	45	54	88	104
Total:	376	534	791	938

\* Equivalent Annual Rate

\* Deaths under one year





### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1957, totalled 233,561 acres, a decrease of 29,080 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,380,343 acres, a decrease of 752,533.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,276,773	3,663,791	37,772,010	34,611,646
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 4. 2	5. 8. 10	55. 4. 6	51. 9. 9
Expenditure	4,578,434	4,499,517	41,973,418	38,139,446
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 12. 11	6. 13. 8	61. 7. 4	56. 14. 9

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of March, 1957, amounted to £61,131,040 or £88.11.11 per head of population as against £55,430,018 or £82.5.7 per head at the end of March, 1956.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 27th March, 1957, amounted to £15,941,319 compared with £14,393,545 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,722	1,476	12,978	14,181
	£.	2,971,455	2,410,479	19,670,037	21,019,789
Mortgages	No.	1,314	1,035	9,593	9,543
	£.	2,296,176	1,738,266	17,235,727	19,137,584
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,027	813	7,570	7,126

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
March, 1957	3,501,301	2,131,573	11,988,647	510,784
March, 1956	4,027,747	1,851,757	9,875,018	466,487
Nine months ended March, 1957	31,122,716	19,301,832	91,881,191	4,647,401
Nine months ended March, 1956	34,836,923	21,318,353	85,333,079	4,189,576

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

150 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,607,500 and 63 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1957. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 163 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,285,001 and 68 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1957			1956		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	71	151,534	135,042	51	96,835	31,895
Deeds of Assignment (a)	65	245,387	330,643	42	212,502	223,327
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	2	8,732	6,118

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,133,000	986,700	9,560,767	8,495,800
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,320,267	1,177,542	10,644,717	9,947,340
Train Miles Run No.	633,920	649,505	5,647,796	5,450,724
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 109,814	(b) 109,481	(c) 874,684	(c) 921,048
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,221,137	1,307,248	8,573,460	8,150,941
Motor Bus No.	22,505	21,873	203,990	210,604
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	360,437	261,119	2,775,960	2,240,742
Livestock	9,729	9,097	108,848	101,781
Departmental (Free Freight)	54,580	67,668	445,477	515,349
Total:	424,746	337,884	3,330,285	2,857,862
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	54,933,171	46,050,901	439,121,300	376,619,145
Livestock	1,088,599	1,155,139	14,066,944	13,415,723
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,008,919	8,741,162	51,337,484	57,286,349
Total:	62,030,689	55,947,202	504,525,728	447,321,217

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 2nd February.

(c) Period ended 2nd February.

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	2,672	3,500	26,744	31,603	9,955	3,716	83,100	46,093
Interstate	6,243	4,817	59,573	54,851	3,193	1,644	26,236	24,202
Total:	8,915	8,317	86,317	86,454	13,148	5,360	109,336	70,295

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80	190	1.133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
81	191	1.133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
82	192	1.133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
83	193	1.133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
84	194	1.133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...



BUILDING ACTIVITY  
(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr.	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485
Dec. Qr.	480	1,345	948	2,907	21	210	216	1,492	1,665	5,954

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281	3,756
Dec. Qr.	790	2,660	8	12	497	1,086	1	5	1,296	3,763

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	67,121	66,944	238,793	227,970
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,048,765	1,045,993	3,731,141	3,562,017
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	51,562	34,375	464,062	221,875

\* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

CENTRE	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	3050	2937	3033	2898	2714	2605	2683	2577
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3251	3080	3212	3074	2624	2515	2591	2508
Northam	3145	2932	3108	2936	2652	2521	2617	2518
Bunbury	3134	2980	3102	2986	2731	2588	2697	2586
Geraldton	3201	2989	3163	2988	2884	2763	2855	2732
Collie	3144	3005	3122	2999	2479	2390	2456	2381

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573			
March	137,563	44,762	182,325			
April	136,859	44,848	181,707			
May	136,208	45,034	181,242			
June	135,482	44,565	180,047			
July	134,639	44,545	179,184			
August	134,685	44,019	178,704			
September	134,431	44,167	178,598			
October	134,494	44,189	178,683			
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	242	
March	220	231	242	238	
April	221	230	243	238	
May	222	231	242	237	
June	220	230	239	235	
July	221	230	237	233	
August	221	230	238	232	
September	223	232	240	233	
October	224	233	240	234	
November	227	234	242	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State					
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female			
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.			
26/4/57	13.	8.	10	8.	14.	9	13.	6.	7	8.	13.	3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	46,938	45,268	406,368	385,221
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	38,729	41,816	365,297	346,482

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
February, 1957	7,702	320	88,450	10,242
February, 1956	8,323	237	64,180	8,615
8 Months ended February, 1957	82,549	3,140	982,259	95,983
8 Months ended February, 1956	83,492	2,824	978,824	105,460

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957 -										
January *	405	185	169	93	574	278	3	7	228	117
February	406	136	181	76	587	212	5	3	218	104
Total 2 months ended February	811	321	350	169	1,161	490	8	10	446	221

\* Revised.







MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	511	455	4,033	5,293
Bricks - Cement	'000	91	179	1,357	2,619
- Clay	'000	8,297	7,536	66,611	73,260
Enamels	gal.	4,985	3,349	48,472	57,791
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	145	138	1,011	1,557
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,245	2,145	17,384	19,142
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	19,519	14,424	170,789	152,025
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	628	609	3,903	6,356
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)17,294	(a)19,206	(b)142,931	(b)151,647
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,388	1,302	7,260	7,448
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	564	365	4,260	4,107
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,039	2,950	36,813	34,085
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	384	414	3,995	5,000
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	65	132	1,315	1,829
- 2 piece	no.	1,347	1,480	14,329	16,007
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,234	4,704	45,376	35,684
- Work	no.	12,470	12,788	110,810	81,986
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	36,076	39,593	268,443	257,463
Sandals	pair	4,175	2,109	153,875	137,828
Slippers	pair	33,820	45,629	290,448	296,903
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,232	1,435	12,777	14,170
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	448	545	5,495	5,776
Butter	'000 lb.	184	222	14,321	14,284
Cheese	'000 lb.	92	72	2,352	1,536
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	316	228	3,123	2,779
Jams	'000 lb.	83	56	426	547
Margarine	'000 lb.	112	105	1,097	880
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	35,396	36,830	509,191	599,391
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	55	586	4,993	4,828
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	129	114	1,033	1,100
- Nitric	cwt.	66	32	476	242
- Sulphuric	ton	17,803	16,221	130,538	136,064
Coal	ton	73,847	75,729	618,698	651,030
Cycles, Pedal	no.	582	567	5,192	5,537
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	116	114	1,083	1,088
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,726	1,980	17,670	17,048
- Woven Wire	no.	4,175	1,256	23,272	22,314
- Soft Filled	no.	3,535	3,720	27,934	31,119
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	39	54	351	560
Utilities (all types)	no.	5	-	14	156
Trailers (all types)	no.	12	9	102	155
Perambulators	no.	47	45	405	529
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,221	7,520	60,472	58,662
Superphosphates	ton	(a)49,175	(a)54,338	(b)308,177	(b)328,696
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,226	1,954	18,365	14,375

(a) February figures. March not available.

(b) Eight months ended February.



The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	56.0
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.7
1956	6.8	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	11.8
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.7
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.0	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.0	41.9	13.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspaper, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

